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of the scrip concerns. No one will suppose that it presents a view of the general state of the tin-mines.

Until 1838 all the tin of Cornwall paid a duty of 4s. per 120 lbs. to the Duke of Cornwall, or to the sovereign when there was no duke: the fees to the officers, and the loss of time, were equal to 1s. more. This duty is now however abolished, and the miners reap the benefit.

Letter from Dr. Julius, Foreign Member of the Statistical Society of London, &c., pointing out the Excess of Male Births among Jews in the City of Hamburg.

Hamburg, February, 1839.

I HOPE I shall soon be able to transmit to you, for the Society's information, a Paper on the State of Crime in the kingdom of Naples.

Meanwhile, I beg you to lay before the Society the following table of the number of births in the city and suburbs of Hamburg during the twelve years from 1826 to 1837, distinguishing the sexes and races. This table gives the remarkable result, *already observed in other places*, that the proportion of boys born among the Jews is much larger than among Christians. In Hamburg, the proportion of female to male births, from 1826 to 1837, has been equal among the Christians to 100 : 105·76, and among the Jews to 100 : 114·81.*

(Signed)

JULIUS.

Table of Births in the City and Suburbs of Hamburg, in each Year from 1826 to 1837.

YEARS.	LIVING BIRTHS.						STILL-BORN.
	Christians.		Jews.		Total.		Christians and Jews.
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys and Girls.
1826†	1674	1600	116	103	1790	1703	242
1827	2043	1928	93	90	2136	2018	205
1828	2009	2001	110	92	2119	2093	345
1829	2174	2059	111	111	2285	2170	260
1830	2160	1943	104	101	2264	2044	274
1831†	1878	1738	113	91	1991	1829	339
1832	2277	2179	105	96	2382	2275	283
1833	2401	2251	118	97	2519	2348	387
1834	2557	2329	118	108	2675	2437	317
1835	2198	2217	126	102	2324	2319	417
1836	1982	1852	127	99	2109	1951	318
1837	2237	2100	118	100	2355	2200	349
Total .	25,590	24,197	1359	1190	26,949	25,387	3736
Proportions	100 to 105·76		100 to 114·81		100 to 106·15		I to 14 Living Births.

* In Prussia, upon an average of the fifteen years from 1820 to 1834, the proportion of female to male births among the whole population, including the Jews, was 100 : 105·97, and among the Jews alone, 100 : 111·21.—See "A Statistical view of Births and Deaths in the Prussian States." Transactions of the Statistical Society of London. Part I., p. 125.—Ed.

† The years 1826 and 1831 were both marked by commercial distress, producing immediately a diminution of births.